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Container Assemblies

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicants submit the following statement consisting of:

- I. A list of patents and other publications (and attached Form PTO-1449).
- II. General Remarks.

A copy of each of the following listed documents is enclosed herewith.

I. PATENTS

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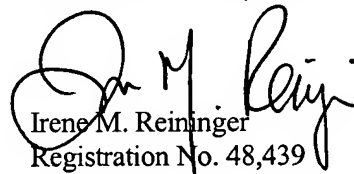
## II. GENERAL REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the above-listed references be given consideration by the Examiner and made of record in the subject patent application.

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